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SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATION PROTESTS SARATOGA VISIT

1. AFTERNOON OF JAN. 15 VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF EXTREME LEFT, INCLUDING TURKISH SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY, TOB-DER UNION (TEACHERS), CHAMBER OF MECHANICAL AND CHEMICAL ENGINEERS, AND UNION OF REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH, HELD DEMONSTRATION PROTESTING PRESENCE OF USS SARATOGA IN IZMIR. DEMONSTRATION FAIRLY WELL ORGANIZED AND PROCEEDED WITHOUT INCIDENT. PARTICIPANTS DISPERSED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER MARCH ENDED AT ATATURK/STATUE IN

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REPUBLIC SQUARE. CONGEN EMPLOYEES PRESENT ESTIMATE PARTICIPANTS NUMBERED APPROXIMATELY 1500 TO PERHAPS 2000. POLICE HAD TAKEN EXTENSIVE SECURITY
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MEASURES AND LINED STREETS ALONG ROUTE OF DEMONSTRATION.

2. DEMONSTRATORS CARRIED PLACARDS WITH FOLLOWING LEGENDS: "SIXTH FLEET GO HOME", "INDEPENDENT TURKEY", "DAMN IMPERIALISM", "DOWN WITH FASCISM", AND "DID YOU COME TO BOMB OUR POPPY FIELDS?" DEMONSTRATORS ALSO CHANTED USUAL ANTI-US SLOGANS ALTHOUGH FROM TIME TO TIME THEY BROKE INTO FAMILIAR "POPULIST ECEVIT" CHANT.

3. SARATOGA ANCHORED OUT OF SIGHT OF IZMIR ELEVEN MILES FROM CITY PROPER. COINCIDENT WITH DEMONSTRATION HEAVY WINDS FORCED TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF BOATING BETWEEN SHIP AND LANDING, THUS OBTAINING ANY POSSIBILITY OF INCIDENT AT LANDING. THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF ANY ATTEMPT TO EXTEND DEMONSTRATION TO AREA OF FLEET LANDING.

4. IZMIR RADIO MORNING JAN 16 CARRIED ANNOUNCEMENT FROM GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ADVISING ANY GROUP PLANNING PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION MUST APPLY FOR PERMISSION AT LEAST

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FORTY EIGHT HOURS IN ADVANCE OR FACE PROSECUTION. WHAT PROMPTED ANNOUNCEMENT IS NOT CLEAR, BUT ITS EFFECT SHOULD BE TO FORECLOSE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER ORGANIZED DEMONSTRATIONS DURING SARATOGA'S VISIT.

5. COMMENT: DEMONSTRATION JAN 15 WAS THIRD DEMONSTRATION BY LEFTIST ELEMENTS IN FIVE DAYS. JAN 10 STUDENTS DURING PROTEST AGAINST AEGEAN UNIVERSITY AUTHORITIES HAD INCLUDED FEW GRATUITOUS ANTI-US SLOGANS. JAN. 11 STRIKING PRINTERS IN COMBINATION WITH WORKERS FROM ALIAGA REFINERY WHO HAD BEEN FORCED BACK TO WORK STAGED PROTEST AGAINST "PRO-CAPITALIST ORIENTATION" OF IRMAK GOVERNMENT. THESE DEMONSTRATIONS INVOLVED APPROXIMATELY 1000 AND 500 PERSONS RESPECTIVELY. IN CONTEXT OF OTHER TWO DEMONSTRATIONS JAN 15 DEMONSTRATION AGAINST SARATOGA'S VISIT SUCCESSFUL. IT HAD MORE PARTICIPANTS AND RECEIVED FRONT PAGE PRESS COVERAGE IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JAN 16 PAPERS. NEVERTHELESS DEMONSTRATION'S EFFECT ON SARATOGA VISIT NIL. WE SEE NO INDICATION GENERAL PUBLIC SYMPATHETIC WITH DEMONSTRATORS, AND WE HAVE EVERY HOPE THAT VISIT WILL CONTINUE WITHOUT INCIDENT. ARRIVAL OF

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DESTROYER TENDER PIEDMONT AND THREE DESTROYERS JAN 20
MAY WELL PROVIDE OCCASION FOR FURTHER DEMONSTRATIONS
HOWEVER. WILL, OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO FOLLOW LOCAL
SECURITY SITUATION VERY CLOSELY.
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